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## The Reason Why

We were asked the other day why it is that there is such a shortage in so many articles of great necessity. We know not every cause, but there is one great reason why, we think, without question. Four years ago there were over two billion dollars per year spent in this country for liquor. Today 'tis illegal to spend a dollar for liquor, except for medicine when prescribed and furnished by a physician. These two billions are now being spent for other articles, thus of necessity there is a compulsory shortage.

## Tobacco Market

The local tobacco market is steady to lower, with no sensational prices and little interest. Receipts are growing lighter at all houses, and sales will likely close in two weeks. Prices have dropped all to pieces. There has been about 6,600,000 pounds sold for an average of about 32 cents, and indications point the general crop average will not be as good by two to five dollars as it was one year ago. Growers are preparing to put out a crop, but they would do better if they cut their acreage in two and raise hemp.—Mr. Sterling Gazette.

## Powell County Raised

Judge Daniel and H. G. Crabtree will go to Frankfort Friday to represent the county in defense of a raise of \$300,000 on lands, oil and mineral rights in the county; \$50,000 on intangible property and \$20,000 on town lots. The county has been given a hearing on the 27th, when it is hoped our Judge and Mr. Crabtree will succeed in convincing the Tax Commission that no raise is due us.

## The Flu Interferes

Mr. Carter Reynolds and family did not get started to their new home at Carlisle, Ohio, Monday morning as originally planned, since five members of the family developed flu on Sunday and were thus unable to go. All of the family, but one, is with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rose, this city, a relative of Mrs. Reynolds. Rufus, the oldest son, has the disease at the home of Edward Rose.

## Enforcing the Law

We guess it is impossible to purchase a drink or do anything unlawful down at Lexington now since the soldiers have been up there to enforce the law. The Times believes in a rigid enforcement of all laws. We do not believe in making such a desperate effort to enforce one law and then wink at other violations that are four hundred times worse.

## Return to Clay City

Charlie and Matt Anderson, who moved to Montgomery county last spring where they grew a crop of tobacco, have returned to Clay City to reside. They sold their tobacco last week after the market had slumped for an average price of 18 cents per pound.

## Why The Times Is Delayed

While the Times is never published ahead of time, it is delayed in transit to all down the country points. For instance the papers going from here to Waltersville, the short distance of less than one mile, must go round by Maloney, Beattyville, Irvine, Winchester and L. & E. Junction, a distance of more than one hundred miles to get there. Papers mailed for Waltersville and other points Thursday afternoon must lie in the post office here until Friday morning when they make the circuitive routes mentioned, and if no mishap occurs the papers get there Saturday, but if for any cause there is further delay the paper does not reach these points until Monday. This is very poor service, but the mail clerk going west in the afternoon has so much first class mail to handle that the papers can only be accepted on the mail train going east.

So, now when you fail to get your paper on time, don't blame us for all the delay. The mail service is equally responsible. With the present poor mail service it is absolutely impossible to get our papers to all subscribers on time.

## Newspaper Failures

Until within recent years newspapers never quit—they just passed on from one owner to another. But now publishers fail in business, just like other business men. Publishing has become a matter of first importance in the nation, and likewise its hazards have increased. The time has passed when you can take a dull boy and "make an editor" out of him, as the poet Will Carleton put it. Twenty five hundred newspapers have suspended publication since July, 1918, but still the Post office Department cries savagely for higher rates for second class mail matter. They lay their deficits at the door of the publisher, and even try shifting some \$58,000,000 annual loss in the rural free delivery service to the newspapers.

## Operated on For Appendicitis

Little Miss Elizabeth Loving, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Luther Loving, was operated on for appendicitis in Lexington Wednesday of last week. She stood the operation well and the many friends of Judge and Mrs. Loving are anxious to know as to their little daughter's condition.

## Powell Has 51

There were fifty-one automobile license issued to Powell county owners last year and it is quite probable that there will be double this number this year. Three counties of the state had no machines at all. These were all mountain counties. A few other counties had but one each.

W. F. Barnett sold nine hogs averaging 100 pounds to Bert and Grover Barnett, of Clark county, at 13 cents per pound.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Love a son.

## To Have Improved Face

The Times will shortly have a new dress of type, it having been ordered from Cincinnati. There will necessarily be some delay, however, since the foundry at Cincinnati did not have this type in stock and is ordering it from New York.

The type which now prints the Times was purchased new in 1890 and has been in use ever since. It will still print well in warm weather, but in cold times it is most impossible to print hardly at all.

Most of the advertising type on the Times was purchased new last spring. With all new type this paper should soon have perfect print. This is just what we want, for nothing is too good for our subscribers.

## Gasoline Tax

The Times highly favors the proposed tax on gasoline and the increased automobile license tax too. Automobile traffic is demanding the increased improvements of the roads, and it is nothing but right that the automobile pay the increased bill. An advance tax to build automobile road is a very unfair proposition for the taxpayers who own no automobile and never expect to. Let the burden fall upon those who receive the benefit.

## Tax Supervisors to Meet March 8

The Tax Supervisors for this county composed of H. G. Crabtree, Geo. M. Derickson and Martin Ford will convene at Stanton Monday, March 8th, for their deliberations. The board is composed of good men. Thus we may expect the right thing to be done to all taxpayers of the county.

## Dr. Nickell Will Be At Stanton

All of Circuit Court week March 15 to practice dentistry. Dr. Nickell has done considerable work since coming to Clay City, and it has all been very satisfactory. We commend him to the good people of Stanton who appreciate good dentistry.

## Married in Jackson

Mr. Elsberry Clemons and Miss Sallie Baker, both of Waltersville, were married in Jackson Wednesday, February 11th, while the bride was on a visit to her brother, Frank Baker, at Quicksand.

## Will Have Sale

Henry Stepp, of Waltersville, will have a sale of personal property at his home and move to Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Stepp lived at Dayton for a short time a few years ago.

We are having a very bitter cold spell for the last of February. But it is better to have winter in winter months than in spring.

Monday was observed as Washington's Birthday account the 22nd falling this year on Sunday.

Monday will be County Court day at Stanton and two weeks later it will be Circuit Court.

## Personal Paragraphs

Wm. Shimfessel was in Winchester Monday.

The family of H. G. Crabtree have all had the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Whitt spent the week end in Cincinnati.

Beverly White, of Lexington, visited his brother, T. G. White, Saturday night.

Judge A. P. Johnson has recovered from the flu and is back at his post of duty.

Miss Eula Mountz has returned from a two weeks visit to her sister, Mrs. R. C. Bowman, near Kiddville.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rose and Tom Rose, of Ravenna, spent Washington's birthday with their mother, Mrs. Mariah Rose.

S. R. Curtis has a bad case of flu and his two daughters, Misses Cora and Julia, are down with a combination of mumps and flu.

Misses Ruth and Ruby Swope returned to their home near Kiddville Monday after a few days visit with their sister, Mrs. Chas. Russell.

W. F. Barnett returned Monday from Clark county, where he had gone to see his brother, Grover, who has the flu, but is now on the mend.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clark and Pete Wells left this morning for Carlisle Springs, Dry Ridge, where they will receive treatment for rheumatism.

The Rev. J. B. Shoemaker has returned from a three weeks business trip to Casey county. The Rev. Shoemaker owns a farm there and was looking after that, too, while in Casey.

Monday, being March 1st is designed to be an eventful day—moving day—the day that calls for thousands of dollars in making moves. Most of which revert no profit to any one but the persons who collect a fee for the moving.

H. C. Seale, of Booneville, spent Monday night with his old friend, Curtis Bowman. Mr. Seale reports an active drilling for oil in his county, though so far success has not always attended these operations. One ten barrel well has been reported by operators. Mr. Seale had been to Winchester court where he purchased some mules.

## GENET

H. S. Martin is home from Nade for a few days.

B. V. Knox has returned to the Navy Signal Station at Great Lakes, Ill.

Miss Annie B. Lane, of Gladys, was a visitor to our village last Saturday.

Hobart West sold some land last week to G. R. and J. A. Crabtree on Gladys.

Jas. Allen, of Xena, passed through here last Saturday enroute to Menefee county.

B. J. Rogers, of Cat Creek and

## STANTON.

Miss Maud Boone is recovering from influenza.

J. M. Williams continues very ill with rheumatism.

Dr. B. W. and Mrs. Triplett are visiting relatives in Mt. Sterling.

Miss Sylvia Skidmore, of Rosalyn, was a visitor in Stanton Monday.

Dr. J. E. Lemming and D. R. Clark attended court in Winchester Monday.

Mrs. Robert Ewen is improving from pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

William Garrett and daughter, Mildred, are recovering from a severe attack of influenza.

Mrs. Alvin Faulkner, who has been ill with influenza at the home of her son, Wm. Garrett, is recovering.

Mrs. Sarah Jackson has returned home after attending the burial of her daughter, Mrs. Maud Martin at Winchester.

F. G. Wills has moved to the property of Mrs. Kate Lyle. Lewis Martin is moving into the house vacated by Mr. Wills.

Mrs. James Welch has been called to Cincinnati to be with her daughter, Mrs. George Furgeson, who is ill with pneumonia.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kincaid died Saturday morning after a short illness. The body was taken to St. Helens for burial.

Among those who are ill of influenza are: Mrs. Luther Stephens, Mrs. Louis Stephens, Mrs. Grant Frazier, Mrs. Charley Conlee and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kincaid.

Miss Katherine Howell, who has been attending the Florida State College, for women, at Tallahassee, Florida, has returned to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Howell.

Mrs. R. T. Crowe and two children left last Saturday for Minneola, Kas., to be with her husband, the Rev. R. T. Crowe, who has taken charge of a church at that place.

elsewhere. was here Friday hunting a Notary Public to close a land deal.

H. S. Martin made a flying trip to Red River last Friday to put the "cornish" on a land deal wherein Brisco, Rogers, Powell & All had a "dig" at it.

No wonder the frogs quit "hol-lern" for the writer received a valentine letter the other day and it wound up by saying "O you pretty little toad ye, I've loved you ever since I knowd ye."

Married, February 19th, Mr. Joe M. Mullens to Miss Minnie Birch. The groom is the son of John Mullens, a farmer, and the bride is the daughter of G. W. Birch, a farmer. We wish the newly married couple a long, happy life.